

**CLAIMS**

1. A trailer for transporting a container, said container being provided with  
5 lifting holes at least at each corner thereof; said trailer comprising:

a generally U-shaped frame, the front thereof being provided with means for  
removably attaching said trailer to a tractor, said generally U-shaped frame being  
shaped and sized to receive said container within said frame, said frame being  
provided with wheels on each side of said frame;

10 a plurality of retractable lifting members, each retractable lifting member  
being positioned proximate a lifting hole of said container when said container is  
received within said frame, said retractable lifting members being movable  
between an inoperative position where said lifting members are disengaged from  
said lifting holes, and an operative position where said lifting members engage  
15 said lifting holes and are extendable to lift said container; and  
means for controlling said plurality of lifting members.

2. A trailer according to claim 1, wherein each of said lifting members are  
housed in a substantially vertical beam fastened to said frame, and wherein front  
20 beams are interconnected at a top portion thereof with a top cross member, and  
wherein rear beams are interconnected at a top portion thereof with another top  
cross member.

3. A trailer according to claim 2, wherein said lifting members consist of a  
25 hydraulic cylinder provided with a lifting hook, said lifting hook being inwardly  
biased, and wherein said beam includes a vertical slot having a predetermined  
length, whereby when the lifting members are in said inoperative position, said  
hydraulic cylinders are retracted and said lifting hooks are located within said  
beam below a bottom end of said slot, and wherein when said cylinders are  
30 extended, said hook deploys outside of said slot until contact with said lifting hole  
of said container, and wherein said lifting hook engages said lifting hole and lifts

said container until a top portion of said container contacts a bottom portion of each of said top cross member.

- 5      4.      A trailer according to claim 1, wherein said trailer is further provided with a rear gate.